Families First in Numbers Updated Information from May 2006

Current number of Assistance Groups: 68,791

Current number of adults: 52,508 Current number of children: 130,963

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 17,790

Closures in May:

Total closures: 4,247

Closures for 18 month time limits: 205

Closures for sanctions: 978 Work-related sanctions: 941

Other sanctions: 37

Closures for employment: 851

Time limit closures since Families First started: 13,557

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,807

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$703.87

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.00

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.